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Title: NITROGEN OXIDE-REDUCING CATALYST AND PROCESS FOR  
REDUCING NITROGEN OXIDES IN EXHAUST GAS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

BOX AF  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 17, 2000, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter involved.

Please amend claims 12, 15, 16 and 18 as follows:

In Claim 12, line 1, please delete ~~Claim 11~~ and insert --Claim 16--.

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